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IN AUGUST 17 CONVERSATION WITH FOREIGN MINISTRY SECRETARY GENERAL FRANCESCO MALFATTI, CHARGE RAISED ISSURE OF TERRORIST USE OF ITALIAN ARMS SOLD TO LIBYAN GOVERNMENT. MALFATTI'S AUTHORITATIVE RESPONSE CAN BE SUMMARIZED AS FOLLOWS:

A. ITALIAN AMBASSADOR IN TRIPOLI MADE A "STRONG DEMARCHE" ABOUT THE INCIDENT WHICH WAS INTENDED TO PUT THE GOL FIRMLY ON NOTICE. LIBYAN RESPONSE WAS A GESTURE OF HELPLESS RESIGNATION WHICH ITALIANS INTERPRET AS LIBYAN ADMINISTRATIVE INABILITY TO CONTROL WEAPONS INPORTS.

B. ITALIAN GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO SEEK OPPORTUNITIES IN
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CONTACTS WITH APPROPRIATE LIBYAN OFFICIALS TO REINFORCE THE IMPORTANCE OF GOL MAINTAINING CONTROL OVER IMPORTED WEAPONS. GOI PREFERS TO HANDLE THIS PROBLEM BILATERALLY WITH GOI RATHER THAN MAKING JOINT DEMARCHES EITHER WITH USG OR WITH THE FRENCH. IN VIEW OF EFFUSIVE GREETING AND STRONG ENCOURAGEMENT OF INCREASED LIBYAN-ITALIAN COOPERATION CONVEYED TO ITALIAN

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AMBASSADOR IN PRAGUE BY QADHAFI DURING HIS RECENT VISIT THERE, ITALIANS CONCLUDE THAT THIER DEMARCHE IN TRIPOLI MADE THE DESIRED POINT.

C. IN MALFATTI'S OPINION, THE FRENCH WILL NOT AGREE TO MAKE A JOINT DEMARCHE TO THE LIBYAN GOVERNMENT. HE SAID GOF HAS MADE NO APPROACH IN TRIPOLI FOR FEAR OF COMPROMISING FRENCH INTERESTS IN LIBYA.

D. AS A RESULT OF THIS INCIDENT, MALFATTI SAID GOI IS DETERMINED TO CONTROL CAREFULLY SMALL ARMS EXPORTS AND HAS ALSO DECIDED TO OBSERVE CLOSELY THE TYPE OF PEOPLE ARAB COUNTRIES ARE ASSIGNING TO THEIR DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS IN ROME. HOLMES

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